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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FACILITATING REPEATED VASCULAR ACCESS

and invented by:

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1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having seventy-six (76) pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
 - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. ☐ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☒ Formal Number of Sheets thirty-four (34)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under
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6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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Accompanying Application Parts

9. ☒ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
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18. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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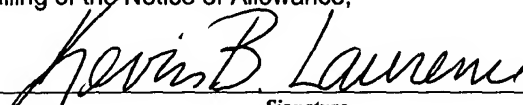
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Invention: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FACILITATING REPEATED VASCULAR ACCESS				
<p>I hereby certify that the following correspondence:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> Utility Patent Application (including the items listed below) </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Identify type of correspondence)</p> <p>is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <u>JULY 21, 2003</u> <small>(Date)</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <u>Kevin B. Laurence</u> <small>(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)</small>  <small>(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <u>EU976904561US</u> <small>("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)</small> </div>				
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Duane D. Blatter

Application No./Patent No.: _____ Filed/Issue Date: _____

Entitled: **APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FACILITATING REPEATED VASCULAR ACCESS**

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